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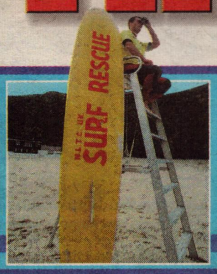

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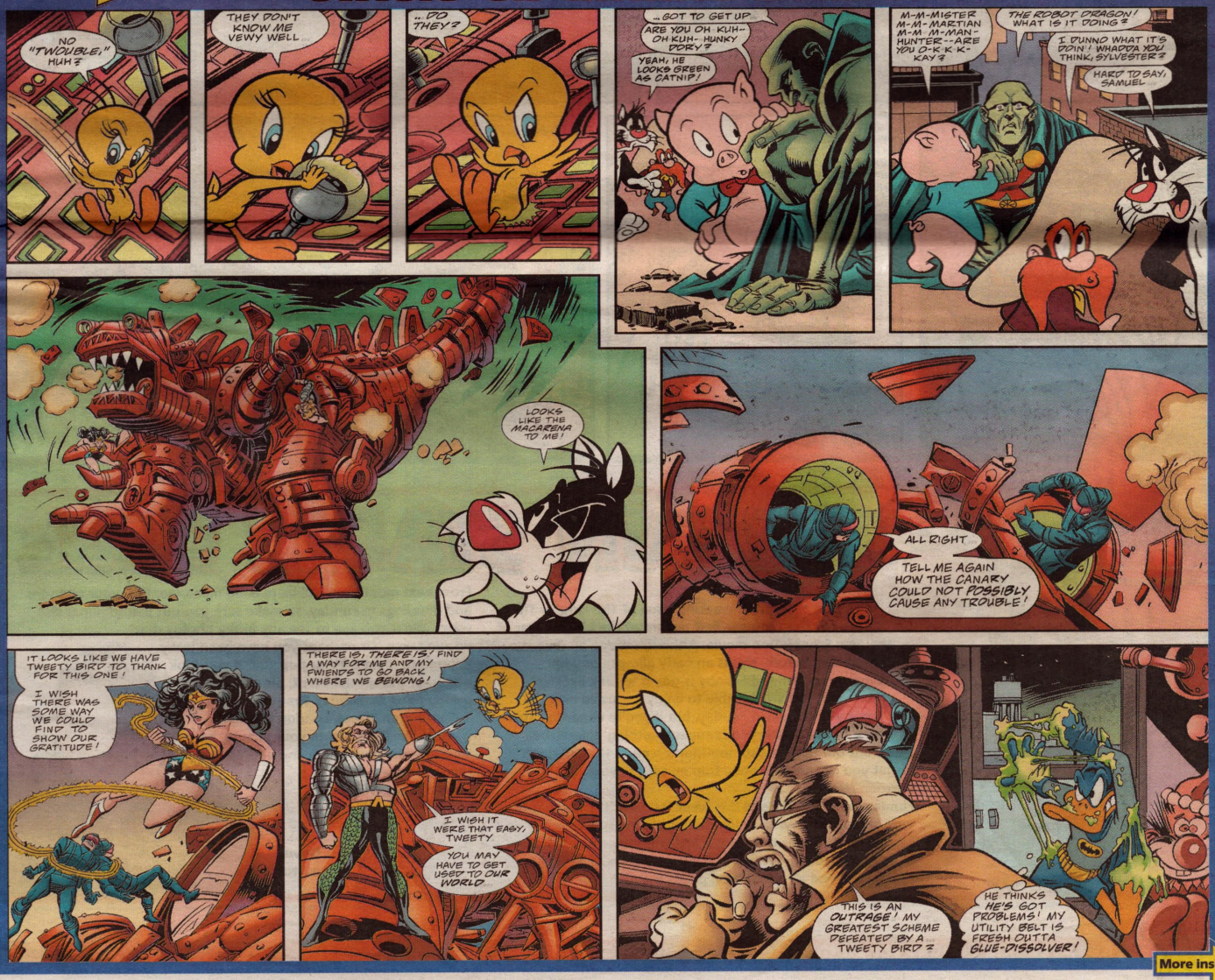

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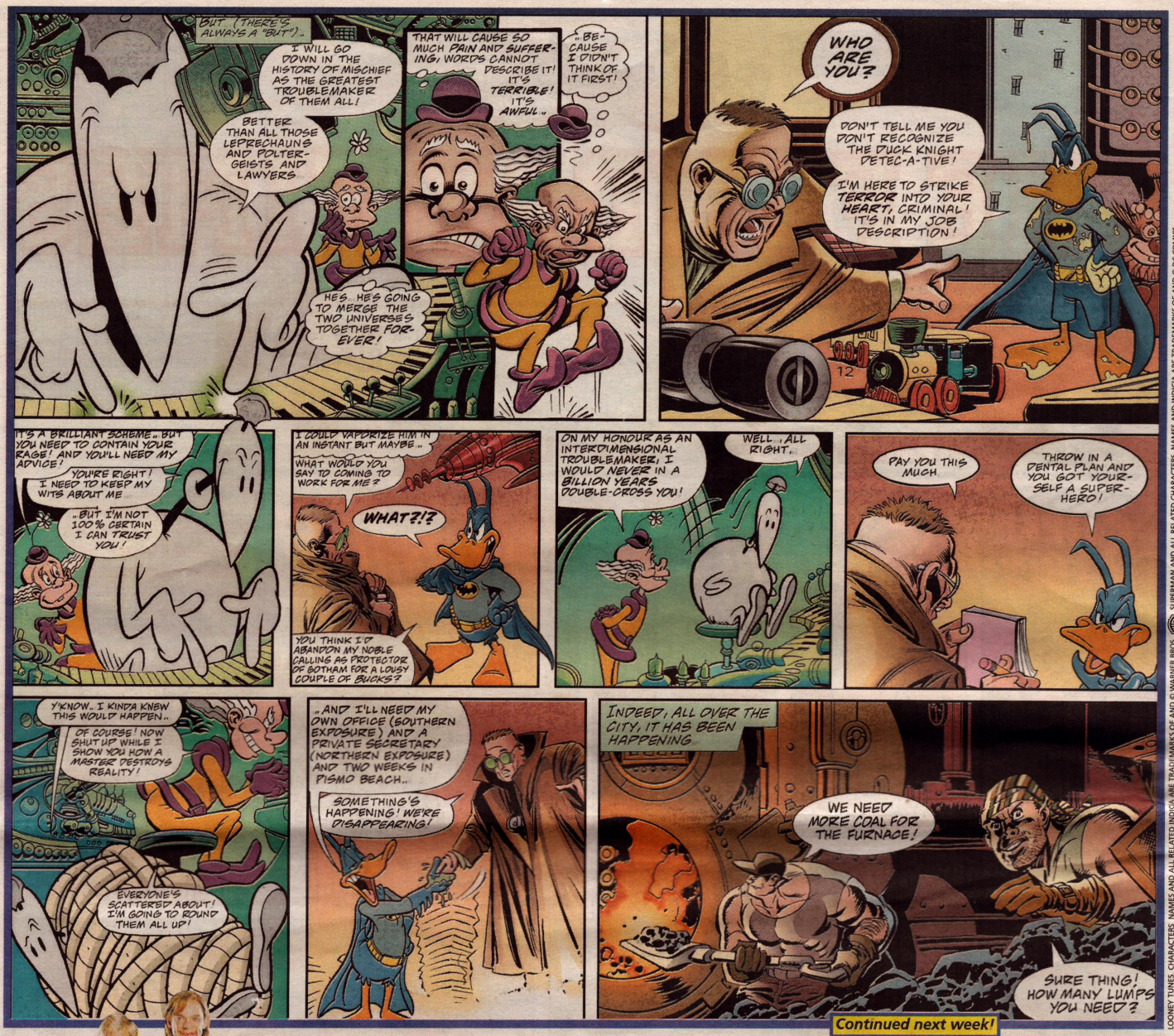

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THE FUN STARTS HERE

Hi,

Welcome to another cracking issue of The Funday Times. Check out this fantastic first picture of the biggest star of the new Scooby-Doo movie. Although we've all seen the human cast before, this is an early glimpse of what computer-generated Scooby is going to look like!

Next year, you will be able to enjoy exclusive new Scooby-Doo tales in Funday, but if you're eager to catch more of the Mystery Inc's super sleuthing before then, check out our fantastic competition on page 11. And don't forget you can catch Scooby-Doo episodes every day on Cartoon Network.

Funday went to Cornwall this week, to meet the lifeguards who show kids how to enjoy the beach and surf as safely as possible. Sounds dull? Not a bit! The Junior Baywatch recruits had a great day in the wild waters of Newquay. You can read all about it on pages 6 and 7.

From next month we will be making more room for your cartoons and drawings in Funday, so make sure you put pen to paper this week. We'd also like to see any funny photos that you've taken. Or perhaps you have been lucky enough to meet a TV or pop star. If you took a snap of the special event, please send a copy to us at: Funday Times Photos, 1 Pennington Street, London E98 1ST. If you'd like us to return your picture, be sure to write your name and address clearly on the back.

Have a great week!

Dave, editor

PICTURE: JAMIE HUGHES

Keep reading Funday for all the latest news on the Scooby-Doo movie!

FUNDAY NEWS

Feeling all-white

These two frisky white lion cubs were snapped, this month, while playing during their first day out at Safaripark in Stukenbrock, Germany. The extremely rare cubs were born in the park back in August and they are the 10th and 11th happy arrivals from Safaripark's white lion breeding programme, which is the only programme operating in Europe.
White lions were first discovered in South Africa in 1987 and they belong to the same subspecies as all South African lions, the *Panthera leo krugeri*.
The correct term for their condition is leucism, a state where there is near-normal eye colour, but loss of pigment in the fur or skin. There are only 50 white lions in the world and its because of their colour that they have little chance of surviving in the wild.

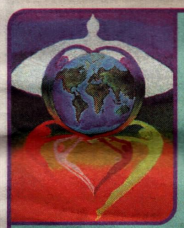
PICTURES: AP/PA

Winning words

Funday film fans will remember our competition in July, with the British Film Institute [Bfi], to find the nation's best young film reviewer. Hundreds of you entered by writing a 200-word review of a summer film and we are proud to announce the winner. She is 13-year-old Anne Donnelly, from Wimbledon [see top picture]! Anne, whose prize was a UCI Cinema Pass for herself and a friend for a whole year, said she thoroughly enjoyed the experience. "English is my favourite subject at school," she told Funday. "But I've never thought about being a writer – I entered because I thought it was a cool prize," she admitted. "I was amazed when I got the letter telling me I'd won!" Anne chose to review the animation blockbuster, Shrek, and if you read on you'll realise that her effort was a worthy winner.

"A terrifying ogre, a wicked prince, a chatterbox donkey, a beautiful princess – put them together and what do you get? Shrek!
Shrek is a hilarious movie and a great example of sophisticated film making in the 21st century.
Set in a fairy-tale land, it is a story of love, courage and what to do if your backyard gets inhabited by hundreds of fairy-tale characters.
Shrek, a lime-green ogre, sets out to rescue a princess from the wicked ruler of the land, who promises to rid his backyard of all the storybook heroes that are hiding there. It is interesting to see how Shrek's character develops as he changes from a lonely, selfish, unhappy and hideous ogre to a friendly, generous, joyful and hideous ogre. His main friend throughout is a donkey, sticking by Shrek and cracking jokes left and right.
Shrek is an excellent film, so well made that at times I believed the animated characters were real! It is hilarious and has a great story-line. With all these good points and an unexpected twist, Shrek will appeal to audiences young and old. I give it five stars."

Picture of peace



Because of the present conflict going on in the world, you may feel it's a good time to express your thoughts and feelings about peace. The Lions International Peace Poster Contest allows you to do just that. All you have to do is create a poster showing what peace means to you. More than 1.9m children from 65 countries have taken part in the contest since it began in 1988. It is open worldwide to young people aged between 11 and 13, and the winner gets a prize of £1,700, to be awarded at the United Nations headquarters in New York. Celebrities including Martine McCutcheon [see below] and Davina McCall have helped to get the ball rolling by drawing their own peace posters. To find out more, go to www.lionclubs.org. The closing date is November 8 – so get drawing!

Toy time

If you want to find out what's hot in the world of toys, or if you just love having fun, then Totalfun is for you. The interactive toy show for kids is running from October 26 to 28 at London's Olympia. The place is stuffed full of the latest toys and games and, who knows, you might even come across this new set of Harry Potter dolls. There are loads of competitions and activities going on throughout the exhibition, and there's even a Scalextric race. For ticket information, call 0115 912 9168 or visit www.totalfun.org. Tickets cost £3 for children under 13 and £6 for over 13s.

How fst r u?

Everyone loves a text message, and last year 700m messages were sent every month. The text-crazy company, iobox, is on the search for the fastest text messenger in the UK. Later this autumn, a group of wannabe record holders will gather before independent judges in London to test their text typing skills with a special 160 character message. The person who gets their message through first wins the crown for the fastest texting king or queen . . and they will receive a cool prize. If you think you've got what it takes to become the UK's speediest text sender, check out www.iobox.com and complete the entry form – asap!

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN EXPLORERS ON THE MOON

The story so far – Today is the final episode of Tintin's dangerous lunar adventure!

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DAGSY DOG

Woof, woof! Got any pet problems? Then get in touch with me at the address below!

My lively, one-year-old cat, Lottie, hasn't been eating her proper cat food lately. Instead, she has been stealing my hamster's food, which is solely made of vegetables. We do give her other food but she insists on eating nuts and vegetables. What is the matter? I'm starting to think that Lottie is a hamster after all!

Rachel Bawden, Barnet

Cats are carnivores and so can only be fed on a meat diet. Cats cannot make certain vitamins, minerals and essential fatty acids themselves and so must absorb them from their food. This is why it is essential that they are fed on cat food or a supplemented meat diet. If cats are not fed correctly then they are liable to become deficient which, for example, can lead to blindness or bone deformities. Hamster food is not a good diet for a cat!

Advice by Blue Cross vet Mark Bossley

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to:
The Funday Times, Dagsy Dog, PO Box 495, London E98 1ST
You can now e-mail your pet problems to
dagsy.dog@sunday-times.co.uk

The Blue Cross, one of Britain's oldest animal welfare charities, has four animal hospitals, 11 adoption centres, and two equine centres. Last year the charity found homes for thousands of animals and treated more than 50,000 pets at its hospitals.

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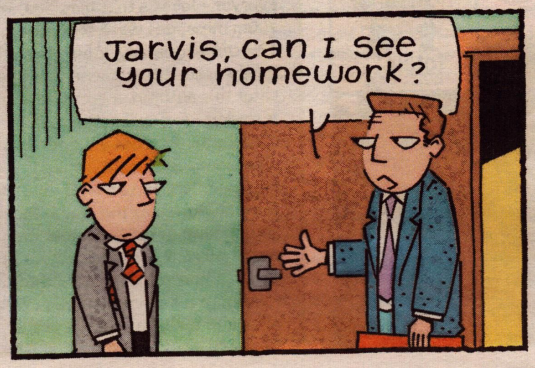

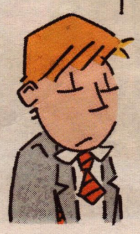

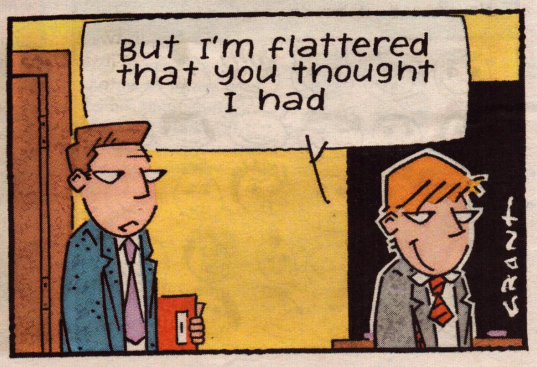

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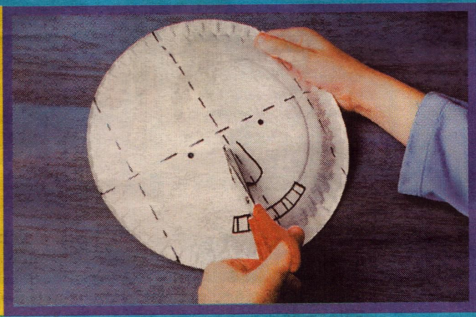
Next week, we have an exclusive Jacqueline Wilson book extract!

GET CRAFTY!

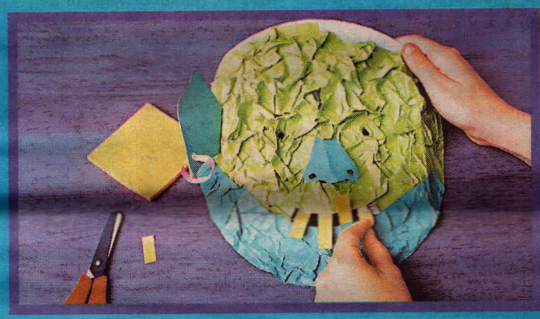
If you fancy making something cool this half-term, how about our creepy Hallowe'en mask? We created this dramatic mask with Post-it Notes and a few other household items, so you can re-create it easily at home

WHAT YOU NEED • Paper plates • Elastic • Scissors • Glue • Bright-coloured Post-it Notes • Stapler • Ping-pong balls • Hole-punch

1 First shape your mask by folding a paper plate into quarters. Fold edges of plate to make straight sides [the dotted lines show you where to fold]. Draw eyes, nose and mouth. Then cut out the nose and teeth and punch out eyes.



2 Scrunch up some green Post-it Notes. Glue them on to the plate in sections, pressing down carefully. Cut a nose out of a darker green note, make two nostrils using the hole-punch and glue into place. Stick on more dark green Post-its on to the plate's lower section.



3 Cut an orange Post-it Note into strips for teeth and glue into position. Make eye holes larger by pushing a pencil through the holes.

4 Cut two ears out of another paper plate. Glue on a green note and it cut out. Make earrings by cutting strips from Post-its. Punch a hole in each ear and thread earrings through, gluing ends to secure. Fold side of ear back, then staple to mask.

5 For the hair, take several light and dark green notes at a time and cut into strips leaving the glued edge intact. Cut triangular orange and pink shapes and glue to hair tips. Begin with light green and finish with darker green.

6 For the warts, roll a piece of paper into a little ball, place a bit of glue on to a Post-it Note, leave to soften, then wrap the ball in the note as shown. When dry, cut off excess paper and stick on mask. To make frown lines cut a note in half, fold it in to a line and glue on mask.

7 Cut two small circles out of a blue Post-it Note and draw black pupils. Glue on to ping-pong balls. Draw on nasty red blood vessels! When dry, glue on mask just above eye holes. Use dark green Post-it Notes to make eyebrows, cut each note in half then cut into strips leaving glued edge intact. Curl them using scissors and glue above the eyeballs. Punch a hole in each side of the mask, then thread with tape or elastic.

Now you're ready to go trick or treating in style!

WIN YOUR OWN MASK KIT

There are thousands of different masks you can make with Post-it Notes – and we've got 100 nifty Post-it Note Mask kits up for grabs. Each kit includes paper plates, scissors, different coloured Post-it Notes, Scotch Tape Strips, stapler and instructions to make three masks.

To enter, tell us which famous Hollywood actor starred in The Mask.

Mark your entry POST-IT and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address on page 11.

Look out for another fun feature next week!

A LUST FOR LIFE!

Dave Coombs joins the Junior Baywatch recruits on Lusty Glaze Beach, in Cornwall, for a day of serious fun and a lesson in surf safety

1 Summer is certainly over, but Lusty Glaze Beach – near Newquay in Cornwall – is as busy as ever. That is because the cove is home to the National Lifeguard Training Centre where kids can take part in the fun Junior Baywatch scheme, whatever the weather. Junior Baywatch is a popular surf and beach safety programme that youngsters travel from miles around to attend.

2 Before the mock rescues begin, there is a short classroom session during which senior instructor Toby Field explains deadly rip currents. Once you know how to spot rip currents – which are often lurking beneath the calmest sea water – you can identify the safest places to swim and surf.

3 Next, it's time to get out of the classroom and start enjoying a day on the beach. For starters, there's a game of bulldog – to get everyone warmed up.

4 Anyone who attends the Junior Baywatch day gets a fascinating insight into the work of Britain's lifeguards. These arm signals are a crucial and clear way for lifeguards to communicate with each other quickly, and to help pinpoint a rescue situation. But what are they telling us?
From left:
Fern – move right
Toby – return to shore
Katy – further out to sea
Joe – move left

5 Jeremy Griffiths, who created the Junior Baywatch scheme, shows Danielle and Jack how to use a tube float for a rescue. "We show the kids lots of interesting things, but it's not so that they can rescue someone," he explains. "It's so they will know how to save themselves if the situation ever arises." Jeremy established Junior Baywatch five years ago, after a tragic week during which two children drowned off local beaches.

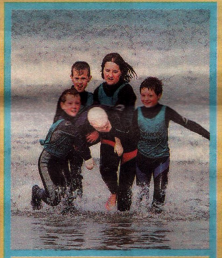
[From left] Fern Daniels, 6; Toby Field, Joe Reed, 8; Leon Mansfield, 8; Steven McLean, 10; Katy Reed, 10; Danielle McLean, 8, Jeremy Griffiths and Jack Daniels, 7

6 The Junior Baywatch recruits enjoy having a go with the tube and can floats in the water – mainly because it's a good chance to splash around and get each other soaking wet. Everyone gets a wetsuit for the day, so even during the winter, kids can enjoy the scheme.

7 Even if you do know how to spot rip currents, the safest places to swim are always those marked by the lifeguards, using flags. British lifeguards use two flags to mark out an area – but do you know what the colours mean?
Red and yellow – safe to swim, no surfers
Black and white – a Malibu surf area, perfect for surfers who are learning
Red – danger zone, no bathing and expert surfers only

STRANGE NAME
Lusty Glaze might sound like a strange name for a beach, but it's actually old Cornish, meaning a place to watch blue boats!

8 Rescue boards are used during situations in which a lifeguard needs to assist more than one person. It's also a good way of getting people back to the shore quickly, so riding through the surf on these giant boards during a practice session can be good fun!

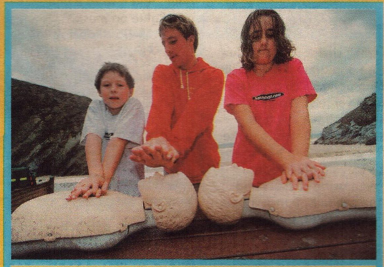


9 This sea dummy contains an inflatable bag so that it floats in waves just like an unconscious person. Everyone takes turns to race into the sea and retrieve the buoyant body.

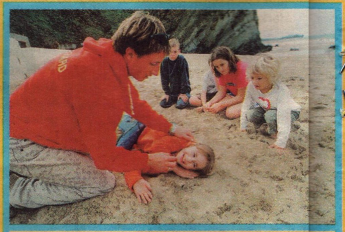
10 Jo Trout, from the Blue Reef Aquarium, in nearby Newquay, visits the Junior Baywatchers during their day, to show them some fascinating specimens of sea life, like this spiny spider crab.

11 A spiny starfish might look friendly, and it's okay to hold it briefly, like Joe, but when it's in the sea it can pull a mussel shell apart and eat what's inside. To digest the mussel, the starfish turns its stomach inside out and then sucks its meal back in again. Nice!

12 The first thing anyone should do when they spot a beach emergency is raise the alarm. This means telling an adult, making an emergency telephone call or, if you're a lifeguard or coastguard, using a VHF radio, like this handset that Steven is learning to use.



13 After a rescue, a casualty often needs reviving too. These dummies are perfect for practising CPR [cardio pulmonary resuscitation] and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.



14 Once heart and lung activity is restored, it's best to place a casualty in the recovery position. Danielle goes limp, so that Toby can demonstrate this. "The position extends the airway so that they can't swallow their tongue," he points out.

15 Everyone has a good laugh when they strap Leon to the spinal board. Leon literally cannot move – and that's the whole point. The board is designed to immobilise a casualty's neck and protect the delicate vertebrae.
"We show the kids all the equipment that they might have used on themselves," explains Toby. "That way they are familiar with it and are much less likely to panic during a rescue situation."

16 Finally, everyone practises some simple first aid skills. Fern's leg gets wrapped in a bandage, but Toby explains that in a real emergency a T-shirt would do. "The thing to do is apply pressure to the wound, raise the body part above the heart, and then bandage it up," Toby explains.

Junior Baywatch, which is supported by the West Country Ambulance Service Trust, is currently only available at Lusty Glaze Beach, but it is hoped that more beaches around the country will launch schemes next year.
For more information visit www.lustyglazebeach.co.uk or call 01637 872444.

Accommodation provided by Sands Resort, Porth

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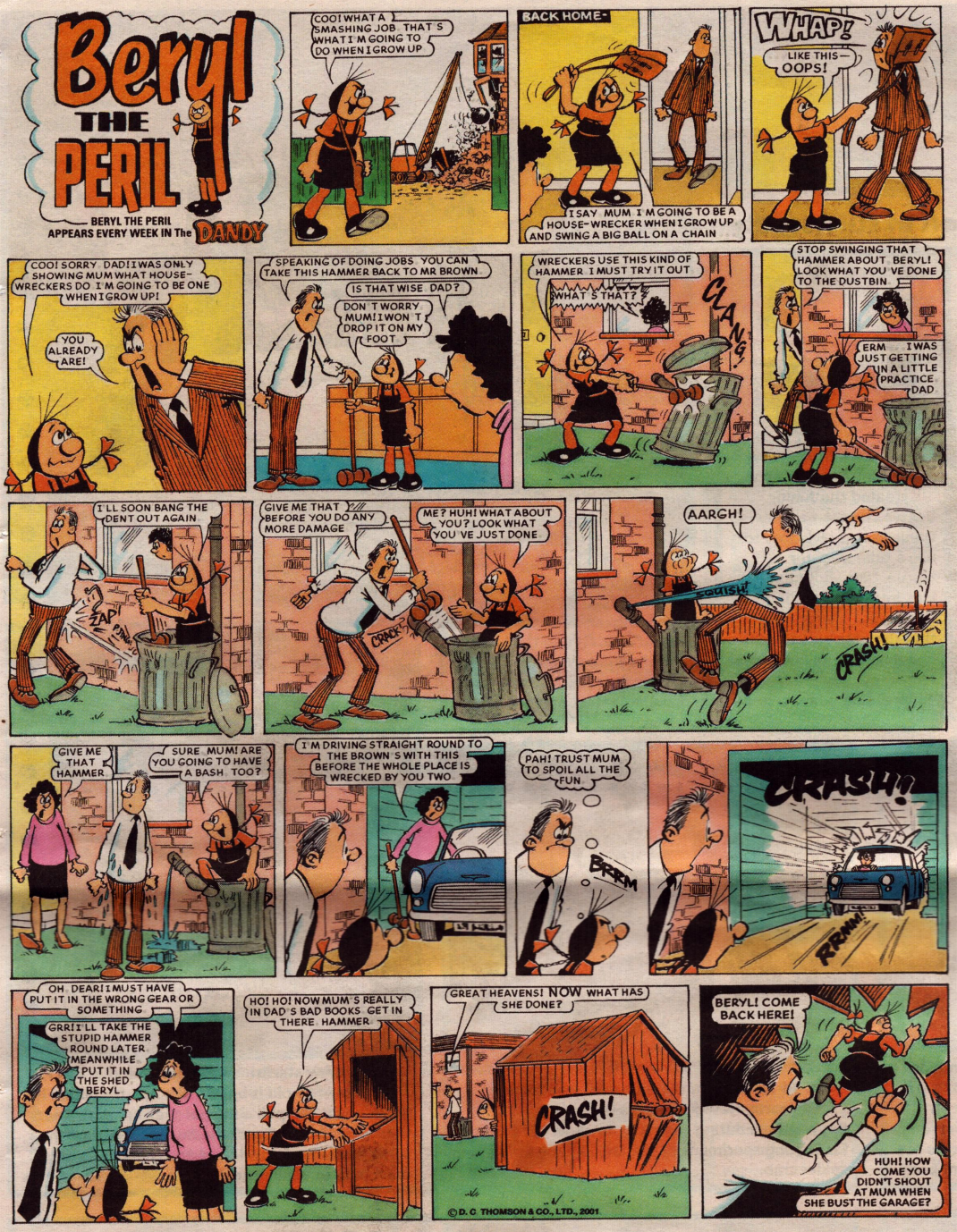

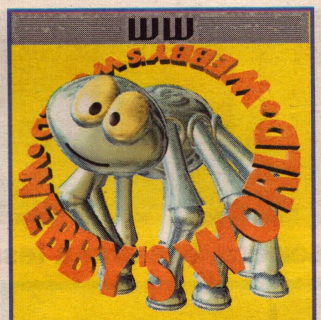

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From the Union Jack to the Stars and Stripes, flags have a fascinating history to them and the countries they represent. This database is a comprehensive collection of national flags, so it's a trivia buff's paradise. Believe us, some of the countries listed here you will have never heard of, never mind knowing what their flag looks like!

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FRESH!

ADULTS ONLY Morris Gleitzman ★★★★★

We are huge fans of Morris Gleitzman's quirky, rude and poignant books and Adults Only certainly doesn't change our view of the Aussie writer. Jake is trapped on an adults-only resort that his parents run and as the sole kid on the island he must keep out of sight and mind of the customers. But what fun is that when you only have Crusher the teddy to talk to, so Jake tries to boost his family's fortunes by inviting his e-mail buddies to stay. Another hilarious, high-speed read to add to our Morris collection. A real ripper!

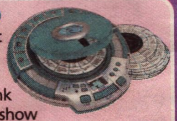
BOOK

DISNEY'S ATLANTIS: THE LOST EMPIRE – TRIAL BY FIRE ★★★★★

Trial By Fire, like the film it's based on, sees Disney try something different and for the most part this first-person action-adventure game is a success. The 3-D graphics are impressive and there are plenty of gadgets, vehicles and enemies to keep you interested in your mission to save Atlantis. The one slight grumble is that it's non-violent by design which means Trial By Fire loses a bit of the edgy danger games like this should thrive on.

PC CD-ROM

WEAKEST LINK ★★★★★



Not surprisingly, steely TV host Anne Robinson has ventured into the world of electronic board games with Weakest Link [£34.99]. It is similar to the BBC show and gives players a real taste of the pressure and put-downs you see on TV. Despite having to replace the question cards every two minutes and the repetitive nature of Anne's jibes, this is a very addictive tie-in where you can bank, nominate and go head to head. You know you shouldn't enjoy it but, like its host's spikey remarks, you can't help but like it!

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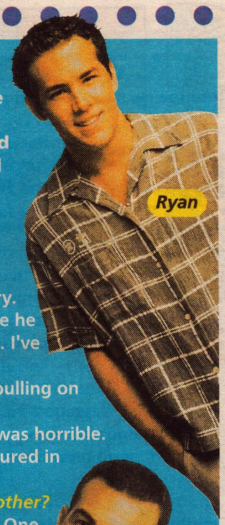
BUZZ!

MEET THE GUYS

Trouble is screening back-to-back episodes of the top comedy Two Guys and a Girl on November 3 and 4. The weekend bonanza is hosted by Richard Ruccolo [Pete] and Ryan Reynolds [Berg] and will have cast interviews and gossip. We caught up with the guys to get some gossip of our own



Ryan

What's a typical day's filming like?

Richard: It's different every day. The first day we just go in for an hour to read through the script. The second, third and fourth days we rehearse. And on the fifth day we shoot the show in front of a live audience.

Does the audience behave?

Richard: Mostly, but sometimes people yell out cheeky comments and we have to do a scene again.

Ryan: Some girls get out of hand screaming for Richard and me!

Is it as much fun to film as it is to watch?

Richard: It's more fun. By the time we've done all that rehearsing and get in front of a live audience, we're so full of energy – and making people laugh is the best feeling in the world.

Ryan: The filming part is so exciting. You forget about all the arguments you might have had during rehearsals and go for it.

Do many things go wrong?

Richard: Oh sure. The fizzy drink that we pretend is beer often gets shaken up when it's passed around the set, so when you open the bottle it explodes everywhere.

Ryan: We often get our lines wrong because sometimes the writers change the script at the last minute and it's hard to remember the new stuff.

Any accidents on set?

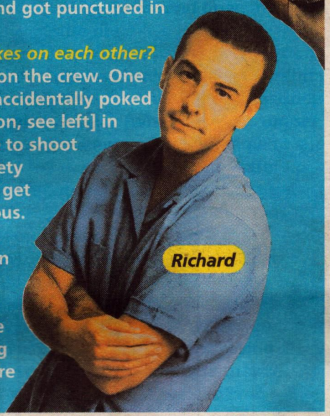
Richard: Once Ryan fell through a glass window, which was pretty scary. We had to shut the show down while he went to the hospital to have stitches. I've been lucky – the only time I've hurt myself was when I injured my back pulling on a pair of trousers!

Ryan: Falling through that window was horrible. I sliced my hand open and got punctured in the ribs.

Do you play practical jokes on each other?

Richard: We play jokes on the crew. One time the photographer accidentally poked Traylor [who plays Sharon, see left] in the eye so when it came to shoot the scene we put on safety goggles so we wouldn't get poked too. It was hilarious.

Ryan: I go around the studios and play jokes on the other celebs. I once pinched someone's golf cart and turned it upside down, but I'm not saying who it was in case they're still mad at me.



Richard

CHATTING WITH CHARLOTTE

Welsh songstress Charlotte Church gives Buzz! all her latest news

Hi Charlotte, isn't it weird being so famous at just 15 years old?

I don't think about it any more. I'm aware that I'm famous but I'm used to it. It's not so weird now when people stop me in the street to say "hi" or ask for an autograph.

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Not having any privacy must be hard.

It is, but I still get to go shopping on Saturdays with my friends or go to parties – things like that.

If it all ended tomorrow, what would be your most treasured memory?

It's all been such a whirlwind that it's hard to think of just one moment. I loved doing a duet with Wyclef Jean at Carnegie Hall in New York in January.

Do you envy other youngsters who have a "normal" childhood?

Sometimes, but you have to take the good with the bad. My friends now have boring jobs, like working in restaurants, but I've got this wonderful career. And when I'm 18 I won't have to struggle to put myself through university.

I may have given up some things, but I've got money and have done the hard work already.

Do you get upset when you read nasty things about yourself in the papers?

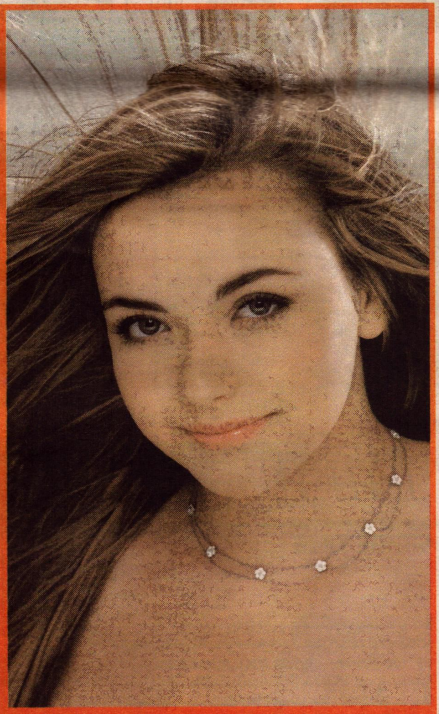
Yes I do. There's been nasty stuff about me and my manager or my family, and I was criticised recently for performing in a Spanish outfit. They called me Scarlet Charlotte and said I was moving away from my innocent image.

What hurts you more, bad reviews or untrue gossip?

It depends on the gossip. I don't mind bad reviews. Everyone is entitled to their opinion.

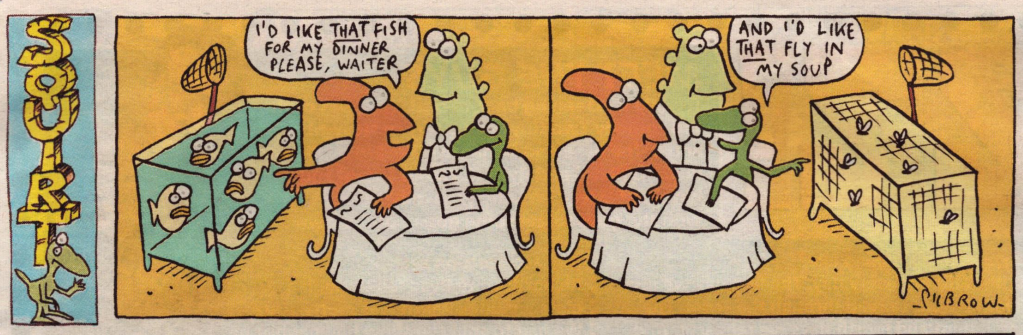
Why do you think you're more popular in America than you are in Britain?

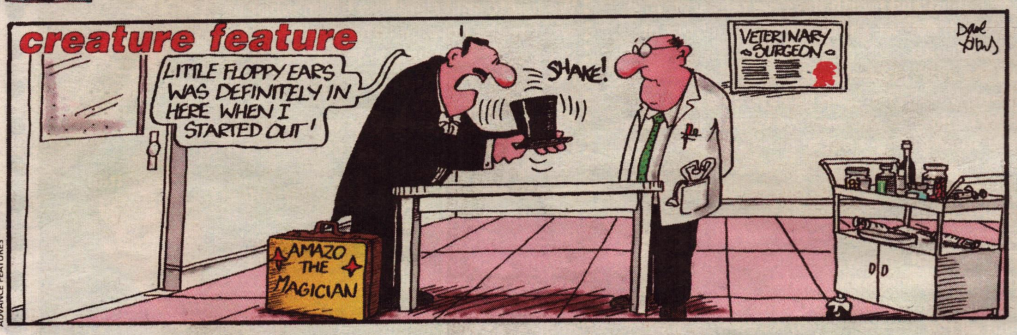
It's because of the American Dream, the whole rags to riches thing. They like the little working class girl from Wales makes good story more, I think.



Charlotte's new album, Enchantment, is out tomorrow

Buzz! bounces back next week!





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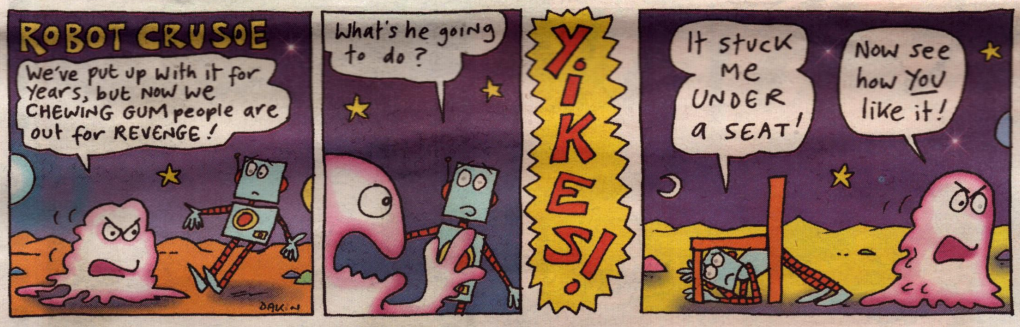

NEXT WEEK

PICTURE: DIGITAL VISION

Enter the slithering world of snakes and discover their venomous secrets!

Our Harry Potter countdown starts next week with Funday's guide to the best movie merchandise around

Meet the super-sleuthing Spy Kids who are all set to blast their way on to video and DVD

f-mail

Send your letters, cartoons, jokes and drawings to: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX Send your e-mail to: funday.times@sunday.times.co.uk

MOVIE TIME

Film Education was responsible for this year's National Schools Film Week which ended this week.

It's the biggest free education event for schools in Europe and every school in the UK can discover what they missed by logging on to www.filmeducation.org – and to discover what the future of the event holds.

The writer of the star f-mail will receive a six-month pass to Warner Village Cinemas.

The other f-mailers will receive a pair of tickets to Warner Village Cinemas and a copy of Shrek on video.

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national SCHOOLS film week

Rebecca Midgley, 12, Sheffield

Dear f-mail,
I went to the Eden Project recently and I'd just like to say that it's really amazing. A lot of kids don't think it's any good because everyone has been saying it's educational but it's actually really fun and great to explore. In one of the biomes it's really hot and humid so you get the feel of how warm it is in some countries. There is also a cool room that you can relax in as it has cold air being blasted into it. There are games and lots of massive statues inside and out, including a GIANT wasp and two bronze devils! The biomes are really good because they have the same plants and fruits you'd find in many African and American countries. There is even a banana boat and a little timber house. I would give it 10 out of 10 and would recommend it to any Funday readers.
Hannah Allies, 9, via e-mail

Dennis is such a menace!

FUNDAY

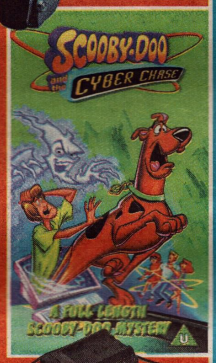
WIN IT!

COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU95 1AY. **Competition deadline: October 31**

You can e-mail your competition answers to: funday comps@sunday-times.co.uk
Sorry, but only one e-mail per entrant will be accepted.

SPOOKY, SPOOKY DOO!

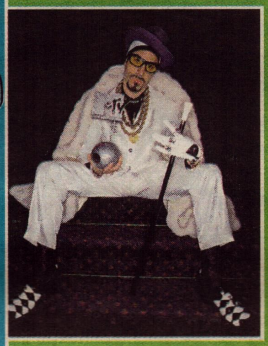
Hallowe'en is nearly here and so how about a spine-chilling video to spook you out? Scooby-Doo And The Cyber Chase is the scariest adventure those pesky kids have had so far and it's being released on video [£12.99] and, for the first time, on DVD [£15.99]. The gang pay a visit to their old school pal, Eric Staufer. Eric and his research partner, Bill McLemore, have invented a hyper-laser that's capable of zapping people and other objects between the real world and cyberspace but the visit soon leads to some creepy cartoon capers. Warner Home Video is offering three Funday readers an i-Cybie robotic dog, a pair of Olympus Eye Trek multimedia glasses, a PSOne console and a copy of the Scooby-Doo And The Cyber Chase game, from THQ, as well as the video. Plus, 10 runners-up will each get a copy of the video.



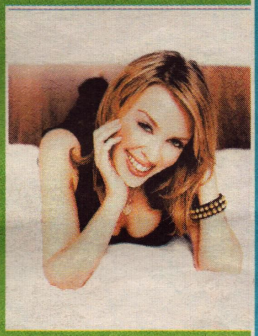
To enter, tell us the name of the gang member with specs.

Mark your entry SCOOBY SNACK! and send it with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.

SEE THE STARS!



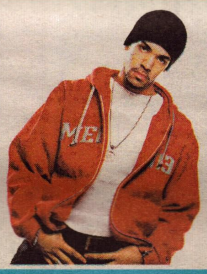
This year's MTV Europe Music Awards is hosted by Ali G and will be broadcast live from 9pm on Thursday, November 8, on MTV. Funday readers can help choose the winners by voting in every category – just log on to www.mtv.co.uk/ema to take part. Exciting live performances at the glittering ceremony are set to include Destiny's Child, Craig David, Kylie Minogue and Dido, so expect a cracker of a show! And the line-up of guest presenters is also very impressive – expect to see hot guests such as Samantha Mumba, Shaggy and Emma Bunton giving out the much sought-after gongs.

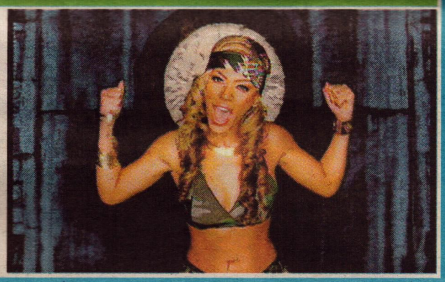


MTV is offering one lucky reader, plus an accompanying adult, a 24-hour trip to the awards in Frankfurt, Germany [flights and accommodation included].

To enter, name the capital of Germany

Mark your entry MASSIVE and send it, with your name, home telephone number, age and address to the competition address above.





Normal TNL competition rules apply to all Funday Times competitions

Dear f-mail,
I love Digimon and my favourite is Greymon, so I drew a picture of him. Hope you like it!
Camila Garbutt, 13, Bishop's Norton

Dear f-mail,
Here's a poem I made up about the night time.

As the sunlight slips quietly away,
The nocturnal animals come out to play.
Hedgehogs, foxes and bats,
Many owls come out to catch some rats.
As people start to walk lazily to bed,
The moonlight fills the streets instead.
Bright stars twinkle merrily in the sky,
Below them the owls and bats silently fly.
But wait what's that, a golden ray,
Because following night there comes the day.
Ronan Daly, 11, via e-mail

Callum Shand, 10, Lingfield

More great prizes next week!

FUNDAY SPORT

HENRIK LARSSON

Whether it's in European competition or the Scottish Premier League, Henrik Larsson loves to score goals. On Tuesday, the 30-year-old Celtic striker will be looking to add to his tally when the Scottish champions face Rosenborg in the Champions League. Here's our profile of the hot shot.

- Henrik was born in Helsingborg, Sweden, on September 20, 1971. Before signing for Celtic, the small but skilful striker had gained a growing reputation in his homeland, playing for Hogaborgs BK, Helsingborgs IF and at the Dutch club Feyenoord.
- Since signing for Celtic in July 1997, Henrik has become a goal-scoring hero at Parkhead – netting more than 120 goals. Fans affectionately know Henrik as the Manificent Seven in reference to the number he wears on his shirt!
- The Celtic star is a valuable goal-scorer for his national side, too. Henrik played in all 10 of Sweden's 2002 World Cup qualifying games, scoring eight goals including four against Moldova in June. The unbeaten Swedes topped Group Four with 26 points.
- During a Uefa Cup game against Lyon in 1999, Henrik suffered a severely broken leg that threatened his career. Thankfully, the Swedish striker recovered and last season was his best ever. Henrik collected the prestigious Golden Boot as Europe's top striker – scoring a staggering 53 league goals – and helped Celtic secure an historic treble, winning the Scottish Premier League, Scottish FA Cup and the Scottish League Cup.
- "It wasn't a bad season but you shouldn't reflect on it too much," says Henrik about his 2000-01 season. "It's better to look forward so that when you retire you can look back at what you have achieved and enjoy it. I don't care what other people's expectations are. First and foremost I put high demands on myself and I want to live up to those."

SPORT NEWS

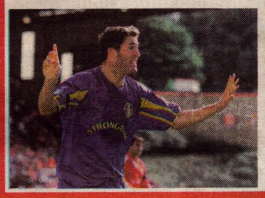
Funday picks out the best of this week's sporting action

Wednesday
Champions League Group C, Arsenal v Real Mallorca

This season, Arsenal have lived up to expectations in the Premiership but have struggled in European competition. The Gunners – and star man Thierry Henry – must have a good performance against the Spanish side if an early Champions League exit is to be avoided. Live on ITV from 7.30pm.

Saturday
Manchester United v Leeds

Both teams are flying high in the Premiership and added to that is the fans' bitter rivalry – so you can expect one of the games of the season. But will all 22 players stay on the pitch? With players such as Alan Smith and the Keanes [Robbie and Roy] on the pitch expect a few fiery confrontations. Live on Sky Sports 1 from 11.30am.



Kicking competition

To promote the new Lego Futebol de Salão Skills badge in schools across the country, Lego is offering one footy-playing Funday reader a 12-month scholarship to the Brazilian Soccer School closest to their home.

Plus, five runners-up will win a Lego Championship Challenge football game.

The game of Futebol de Salão uses smaller, heavier balls than usual, that don't bounce, allowing players to develop their dribbling, passing and ball control skills. Pelé, Ronaldo and Rivaldo have done it, so it can't be bad!

To enter, name the Spanish club that Rivaldo plays for.

Mark your entry BRAZILIA and send it, with your name, age and address to the competition address on page 11

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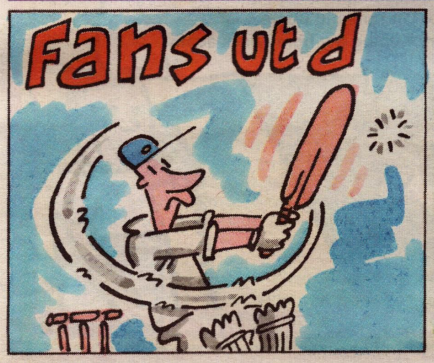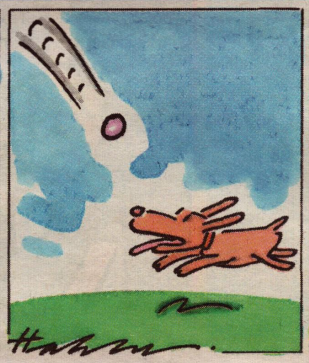
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